

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Marian Bell Fairchild, April 29, 1897

675 April 29th. 1897 My Dear Daisy:—

What have you been doing with yourself? The Philadelphia Correspondent of the Deaf Mutes' Register of Rome New York has published the following item concerning you. Writing from the Penn. Institution he says:—

“Prof. Alexander Graham Bell with his youngest daughter who happened to be passing through the city, stopped here and took part in the entertainment and reception. He went away the same night while his daughter spent the night at the Institution”.

Now what's the meaning of this? I thought you were in Utica all the time. Can't have my daughter go scooting around the country without my knowledge. !!!!!!! Have you been using the rent of your houses for this kind of business? As I am your natural guardian I shall have to foreclose and take possession if this sort of this thing continues. Hope you enjoyed the reception, only sorry I did not see you there. Did your mother know you were out?

Elsie was distracted with her eight young men last night. Mamma whispered to me in a loud voice in the midst of the company “There's the young man Grandmama wants Elsie to have.” Every man in the room looked very much pleased and so I suppose each one took it to himself.

Here are two anagrams for you.

Make one word out of the following:

“Best in prayer.” (Ans. Presbyterian.)

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“Nice slop pail.” (Ans. Episcopalian.)

“Cart Horse.” (Ans. Orchestra.)

“Hectic cat.” (Ans. Architect.)

Have got a whole lot of stories for you — no room to cut them here.